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SUBJECT: SOMALI DEFENSE MINISTER ALLEGES ETHIOPIAN THREAT TO
DJIBOUTI

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1. SOMLI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY (SONNA) HAS CARRIED REPORT OF
ADDRESS BY DEFENSE MINISTER LT. GENERAL MOHAMED ALI SAMANTAR
AT JUNE 28 MASS RALLY HELD IN SUPPORT DJIBOUTI. IN ADDRESS,
SAMANTAR REPORTEDLY ACCUSED ETHIOPIA OF "STAGING SINISTER
MANEUVERS AND PROVOCATIONS" AGAINST DJIBOUTI, INCLUDING
DEPLOYMENT TROOPS ON BORDER, CONSTITUTING "THREAT TO THE
SECURITY" OF NEW STATE.

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2. SAMANTAR REPORTEDLY PROMISED DJIBOUTIANS THEY HAVE "FULL
BACKING OF THE WHOLE SOMALI PEOPLE" AGAINST "ANY THREAT AND
PLOT" FROM ETHIOPIA.

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3. COMMENT: SAMANTAR'S ADDRESS FOLLOWS PATTERN OF PSYCHOLOGICAL
WAREFARE WAGED AGAINST ETHIOPIA IN SOMALI OFFICIAL MEDIA AND
STATEMENTS OVER LAST FEW MONTHS, PARALLELING SIMILAR CAMPAIGN
AGAINST SOMALIA IN ETHIOPIA. TOO MUCH SHOULD NOT BE READ INTO
SUCH SABRE-RATTLING, BUT BOTH SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA ARE PLEDGED
TO DEFEND DJIBOUTI'S INDEPENDENCE AGAINST ALLEGED THREAT FROM
THE OTHER.

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